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## SCANDAL TO BE A BIG ONE TO HUNDREDS GO TO THE SOUTH

Startling Disclosures To Follow Arrest of Seven Councilmen of Pittsburg.

**BANKERS IN IT, TOO**  
May Equal the 'Frisco Graft Cases—Legal Services Proffered Free.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22—Following the sensational arrests here last night of seven councilmen and two bankers on the charges of alleged corruption in conducting the public affairs of this city, it is intimated today that even more startling developments will transpire either today or tomorrow.

According to the best information obtainable it is possible the municipal scandal of San Francisco will be insignificant, when compared to the alleged grafting here.

The councilmen and bankers will be given preliminary hearings tomorrow.

Several prominent attorneys have approved the prosecutions and signified their willingness to prosecute the defendants without compensation.

Illegal acts in connection with the establishment of depositories for funds of the city are enumerated in the complaints and it is said a number of persons occupying official positions in local banks will be arrested.

Following a series of veiled charges to councilmen acts, the Voters' League employed detectives and the arrests are based upon the reports made by the detectives.

The complaints were signed by Tenard de Dolt, secretary of the association.

Three of the charges against J. C. Wasson, chairman of the finance committee of common council and John F. Klein, of common council, and William Brand, president of common council, charge each of these men with giving and offering to give money and other rewards and bribes to influence the voters of other members of council in favor of certain ordinances. Another complaint names the three above mentioned together with T. A. Atkinson, of select council; Jacob Sefel, W. H. Melaney and Hugh Ferguson, of common council.

It is said there are many points in the scandal not yet made public and subsequent developments may be interesting in character.

Coming right after the arrest of the councilmen was the resignation today of Captain of Detectives McGough. It is said this has no connection with the graft scandal.

The scandal has started this city as nothing else has done in years.

## HICKMAN DIES IN HIS STABLE

At Craigmoor While He is Engaged in Feeding His Horses.

James Marion Hickman, of Craigmoor, a well known farmer, dropped dead in his stable Tuesday morning, while engaged in feeding his horses. Heart trouble caused his death.

Mr. Hickman was about 65 years of age. Surviving him are his wife, whose maiden name was Henrietta Houghton, and four sons and daughters, namely, Edward Hickman with the A. Radford Pottery Company here; Meigs Hickman, of Grafton; Mrs. Ella Winters, wife of Burton Winters, of this city; and Miss Anna Hickman at home.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.

## 60,000 TONS OF STEEL RAILS FOR THE B. & O.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22—The engineering department of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has complete estimates for the number of tons of steel rails required for next year, setting the figures at between 50,000 and 60,000 tons. The estimates are now before President Murray, preliminary to placing the contracts.

## NEWMAN RESIGNS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—W. H. Newman today resigned as president of the New York Central & Hudson Railroad Company. His resignation was accepted by the directors.

## CHRISTMAS EVENT BY THE CHILDREN

Two Grades at the Pierpont School Are to Render a Program.

The following Christmas program will be rendered by the children of the seventh and eighth grades of the Pierpont school of this city:

Singing—"Joy to the World," Scripture reading, Matthew 2:1-15, Singing—"Holy Night," Recitation, "Christmas Greeting," Victor Hess.

Reading, "The Story of Christmas," Elizabeth Warner.

Recitation, "Poor Papa"—Julian Wilson.

Reading, "Christmas Thoughts"—Florence Boggess.

Recitation, "If I Were Santa Claus"—George Leatherbury.

Solo, "The Little Village of Bethlehem," Edith Price.

Reading, "Christmas Coffee Pot"—Albert Bartlett.

Recitation, "Over the Hill to the Poor House"—Brooks Kyle.

Recitation, "Christmas and the Old Year"—Susannah Stealer.

Dialogue, "The Day After Christmas"—Emma Johnson, Flavin Holt and George Wallis.

Singing, "H Come Upon the Midnight Clear."

Reading, "Laongs Christmas"—Ruth Waters.

Recitation, "At Christmas Time"—John Hart.

Reading, "Brought Pa's Prayers"—Lynna Waters.

Recitation, "Christmas"—Esther Yates.

Recitation, "Green Mountain Justice"—Joy Washburn.

Recitation, "The Judgment of Time"—Virginia Grant.

Singing, "The Legend of the Christmas Tree."

Recitation, "Grandpa's Spectacles"—Carl Kyle.

Recitation, "The Little Christmas Tree"—Agness Mills.

Recitation, "Six Santa Claus"—Ralph Childster.

Recitation, "One of His Names"—Richard Cunningham.

Recitation, "Milkades Gets the Best of Santa Claus"—Elmer Curvel.

Recitation, "Will New Year Come Tonight?"—Edith Price.

Class Exercise, "Welcome to Christmas"—Elmer Curvel, Daniel Reed, Clark Kyle, Graham Lynch, Joseph Whyte, Charles Custer, Carleton Boyle, Virginia Thompson, Mary Gardner, Mildred Alexander, Lucile Nussbaum, Mildred Eliason, Mamie Griffith, Esther Hopes, Lucile Stealey and Mary Bracy.

Singing, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

The Twenty-Third Psalm.

## ADJUDGED INSANE

And Committed to Weston Asylum is Myra Nutter, of Salem.

Myra Nutter, an unmarried woman of Salem, 39 years old, was adjudged insane by Magistrate Gordon Tuesday morning, and committed to the state insane asylum at Weston. Her derangement takes the form of melancholia. She was brought to the city by Dr. Strother and relatives and after her examination she was given into the care of her relatives until her commitment papers are passed upon by the asylum authorities and arrangements are made to have her taken to that institution.

## GOES AFTER SHOWS

Manager Reuben Robinson of the Grand opera house, left this morning for New York to visit his mother during the holidays and to book several good shows for the opera house. He hopes to have some rare theatrical treats for Clarksburg later in the season.

## KING LOSES CASE

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22—The supreme court today decided against Henry C. King, of New York, who claimed title under the ancient and original grant to many thousand acres of valuable lands in the southern part of West Virginia. The case has been in the courts of the state for many years and provoked and involved bitter litigation.

## ROY BREAKS ARM

Wayne Lee, twelve-year-old son of Floyd A. Lee, of Broad Oaks, is suffering with a broken arm, the result of a violent fall at his home an evening or two ago.

## J. Hornor Davis and family left

Monday night for Washington where they will spend a few days with relatives.

## James M. Foster, attorney, passed

through the city Tuesday morning on the way to Parkersburg from Weston, on a few days' business trip.

## Mr. and Mrs. Emile Sturbols of

Adamson, are visiting relatives in Grafton for a few days.

## CHILD GIVEN TO MR. TAYLOR

By the County Court Upon an Appeal to Decide the Case.

An order in vacation appointing and qualifying Joseph L. Carr as guardian of Moskey Ash, his granddaughter, aged 11 years, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ash, deceased, was set aside by the county court Tuesday morning, after a hearing Monday afternoon, in which it was shown that the father of the little girl had given her to D. H. Taylor of the Stealey addition, and the custody of the girl was given to Mr. Taylor, with the understanding that he should qualify as her guardian.

E. Bryan Templeman qualified as administrator of the estate of Hannah Riley, deceased, giving bond of \$500 with John W. Davis surety.

Thomas D. and William C. Holbert, infant idiots, were committed to the West Virginia asylum at Huntington for incurables.

Joseph A. Hammond qualified as administrator of the estate of John C. Husted, deceased, with bond at \$2,500 and Nathan Bartlett surety. John Ashcraft, Herschel Robinson and Allie Yates were appointed appraisers of the estate.

D. H. Taylor qualified as guardian of Moskey Ash, infant, with bond at \$1,000, and Festus I. Day surety.

## FLOCKING HOMEWARD

For the Holidays Are People and Railroad Traffic Increases.

The holiday season is already making itself felt in other than the shopping and trade channels in the city. The patronage at the hotels is dropping off, as is always the case at the approach of Christmas, and passenger traffic on the railroad is increasing to a considerable extent.

With very few exceptions every traveling man who has a home and all others who are away from their homes on business are making their way homeward to spend the joyous holiday season with their folks. Boys and girls are going home from schools and those who work in cities away from their homes are preparing for vacations.

## MANDEL SENNER

Takes a Position as Director in Publicity Department.

The announcement is made that Mandel Senner, press agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has severed his connection with that company to become a director in and to have charge of the publicity department of the Penwood Coal Company with headquarters in Baltimore. This will take effect on the 1st day of January. The Penwood Coal Company owns bituminous coal mines in Western Pennsylvania and expects to put out a considerable production.

## GETTING CAPITOL READY FOR THE LEGISLATURE

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22—Painters have begun the work of freshening up the walls of the capitol, putting everything in readiness for the regular session of the legislature. The members will find a vast improvement in the appearance of things over former sessions, since the entire interior has been completely overhauled, new floors, freshly painted ceilings, and everything put in very attractive shape.

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To Work on the Completion of the Great Florida East Coast Railway.

## GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

One of the Most Novel Engineering Enterprises of Modern Times.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Hundreds of men are being rushed southward to work on the completion of the great Florida East Coast Railway, following the decision of Judge Hough of the United States Circuit Court in dismissing, as without cause of action, the so-called peonage cases that had been brought by the United States Government against the labor agents of the railroad.

While these actions were pending in the courts the men in charge of the construction work on this seagoing railroad, which is to be Henry M. Flagler's greatest achievement, were loath to push forward with the same amount of energy that had been displayed prior to the action of the attorney general in taking cognizance of the reckless charges of labor slavery that had been made. Every effort to make up for lost time now will be put forward by Vice-President Joseph R. Parrott, who has been in charge personally since the work began in June of 1905. Fully 2,000 men are now employed south of Knight's Key and more workmen are being sent to the field of operations each day.

Vice-President Parrott, who now is in New York on business connected with the great extension which is jumping over a stretch of thirty miles of open ocean and over thirty miles more of submerged keys and lagoons to connect Key West by direct line with Miami, now estimates that this, one of the most novel engineering enterprises of modern times, will be completed and trains running for its full length within a year.

Already the line is completed and trains are running for eighty-four miles south of Miami, right down to Knight's Key. Work also is being pushed forward from Key West up and over forty miles of roadbed has been constructed by the gangs that are working northward to meet the other workmen who rapidly are moving south. This means that a total of 124 miles has been completed out of the 156 miles of road surveyed from Miami to Key West. The greatest of all the engineering feats on this wonderful line, however, is yet to be completed. This is the eleven-mile gap from Knight's Key to Bahia Honda where the line is being carried over the open ocean on concrete arches.

The effect of the great extension on traffic to Havana, however, already has been felt because now the steamers for Havana met the trains at Knight's Key and take passengers and freight from that point to the Cuban capital instead of eighty-four miles north at Miami. When the line is completed to Key West huge railroad car floats will take entire

## SENT TO JAIL

To Await Action of Grand Jury on the Charge of Stealing Overcoat.

At the conclusion of his hearing on the charge of stealing an overcoat, valued at \$25, from Cecil J. Fortney at Lumberport, Jess Harbert was held for the next grand jury under bond of \$500 by Magistrate George H. Gordon Monday afternoon. Harbert could not furnish surety and was committed to jail. He will be given a hearing next Saturday afternoon on the charge of stealing a suit of clothes, valued at \$16, from D. F. Kincaid at Lumberport.

## BISHOP MICHAUD DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—Bishop John Stephen Michaud, of the Roman Catholic church, of the diocese of Burlington, Vt., died at a hospital here of Bright's disease today. He arrived here yesterday from France.

## Frank C. Bland will make a business

trip to Sutton tomorrow.

## J. A. Crispin and family left

Monday night for St. Augustine, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

## Dr. Alex. Hannah, of Sardis, spent

Tuesday in the city.

## Archie L. Husted, of Sardis, was

here Tuesday.

## W. Z. Wyatt, of Shinnston, who

is attending the Baltimore Medical College, has returned home for the holidays.

## Miss Ersie Gaines, of Salem, was

in the city Tuesday shopping.

## J. Perry Thompson, of Elkins,

was here last night.

## ALARM FELT IN GERMANY

## TAFT HAS VOTES ENOUGH TO WIN

## MRS. HESS IS DEAD AT WYATT

Aged Mother of Assistant Cashier Hess Passes Away of Dropsical Troubles.

Mrs. Mary M. Hess, wife of Jeremiah W. Hess, died at 8 o'clock Monday night at their home at Wyatt from dropsical troubles. Dissolution was not unexpected as she had been critically ill several weeks.

The funeral and burial will be tomorrow at Wyatt, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. J. E. Scott, of Adamston, at 11 o'clock, with interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Wyatt following.

Mrs. Hess was a daughter of the Rev. Jesse Sturm, who was a pioneer settler in the lower end of the county and she was in her 60th year. She was united in marriage to Jeremiah W. Hess December 8, 1866.

The husband, two sons, and one daughter survive. The sons are W. W. Hess, of Wyatt, and James N. Hess, of Clarksburg, assistant cashier of the Empire National bank; and the daughter is Mrs. Iva Gifford, of Wyatt. Another daughter, Mrs. J. D. Barger, died about five years ago.

Mrs. Hess had five brothers and three sisters. The brothers who survive are J. P. Sturm, of Corbin, Kansas; Fred H. Sturm, of West Milford, and W. P. Sturm, of Belpro, O. The deceased brothers are John F. Sturm, of Enterprise, former member of the county court, and J. M. Sturm, of Belpro, O. Two sisters, Jane and Eliza Sturm, are dead, and the surviving sister is residing in Nebraska state. A host of other relatives survive.

Mrs. Hess was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, an exemplary woman, and was loved by all her relatives and many friends and acquaintances. Her death is deeply regretted by all in her immediate neighborhood as well as by all who knew her.

## SPENDS NIGHT IN JAIL

Jane Cross, of Pt. Comfort, is Arrested at Instance of a Merchant.

Jane Cross, of Point Comfort, spent Tuesday night in a cell of the county jail. Constable Ford arrested her Monday evening on a warrant issued from Magistrate George H. Gordon's assizes at the instance of I. T. Gooding, a Pike street merchant who charged her with obtaining goods under false pretenses. Tuesday morning the complainant appeared in the court and withdrew the warrant and the woman was released from jail. The account upon which the action was based had been adjusted.

## NAMES OF CHILDREN WANTED.

Captain Clayton, of the Salvation Army, requests school teachers as well as others in the community to send to him the names of poor children who may not be reached by the army, and he will see that they receive Christmas dinners, toys and clothing. Superintendents Burdette and other teachers of the public schools have aided the captain in getting up the list of names.

## ELKS TO MEET.

The regular weekly meeting of the Clarksburg lodge of Elks will be held in the lodge hall on Third street tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. Matters of interest to all members will be discussed and a full attendance is desired.

## MORE MONEY NEEDED

Captain J. R. Clayton of the Salvation Army announces that \$200 have been donated for his Christmas work. Much more is needed and he hopes the public will co-operate with him as liberally as possible in making the poor children happy.

## Mrs. Hiram Lynch, of Lynch, was

shopping in the city Tuesday.

## Mrs. A. G. Cross will leave shortly

for Philadelphia, to spend Christmas with her mother.

Over the News of the Deposition of the Cabinet of Castro.

## SOLDIERY IS READY

To Do Battle With Castro's Men in the Interior of the Country.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 22—The enforced resignation of the Castro cabinet, which occurred yesterday, is regarded as going far toward sealing the fate of Castro in Venezuela.

There is much military activity everywhere and troops are being recruited with energy in the belief that the men in the interior loyal to Castro will fight.

BERLIN, Dec. 22—News of the appointment of a new Venezuelan cabinet came as a complete surprise to President Castro, of Venezuela, and was received with apprehension.

## WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 22—The new

Venezuelan administration has revoked a decree prohibiting the transshipment at Willemstad of goods destined for Venezuelan ports.

This measure has been the principal difficulty in the strained relations between Holland and Venezuela and its revocation is regarded here as meaning practically a settlement of the dispute between the two governments. It is believed here the reign of Castro in Venezuela is over.

## LARGEST PAY AT TIN MILLS

In the History of the Company Will Be the Coming Saturday.

The pay roll next Saturday at the plant of the Phillips Sheet & Tin Plate Company here will be the largest in the history of the company. Twenty-three thousand dollars will be paid out for two weeks' work to 750 men.

The size of the pay roll for such a short period as well as the number of men working impresses the general public with the splendid value of this industry to the community. All are proud of it and delighted to know that its business is increasing all the time.

Within a brief period the mills will furnish employment for still more men and the history of the company is that it has gradually increased the capacity of its plant and the production the employment of more men and a larger pay roll accompanying the progress made.

## IN HANDCUFFS

Night Riders Are Taken Into Court Room by Soldiers.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 22—Judge Jones, before whom the alleged night riders are being tried today announced that no session of the court will be held Christmas day. The prisoners were brought into court today handcuffed in pairs with a detail of two soldiers for each pair.

## AGENT ARRESTED

Charged With Operator With Robbing Railroad Company.

GALLIPOLIS, O. Dec. 22—Edward Ward, Baltimore & Ohio agent at Hartford, W. Va., was arrested today, charged with Night Operator Graham with having systematically robbed the company for years. Graham was arrested two weeks ago.

## BAD GASH IN HEAD.

Stella Guinn, residing in the Stealey addition, was arrested Monday night in a state of intoxication by city officers. She was suffering from a bad gash on the head and had to be removed to a hospital. She will recover in a few days.

## Judge George W. Farr, of West

Union, spent Tuesday in the city.

John L. Gawthrop, of Elkins, was here last evening on business.